

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A top for a convertible vehicle (1) with a flexible roof panel (4), which is attached to an arrangement of convertible-top rods(5) and, in its rear area, to an attachment device (9) of the vehicle body (7), in which a clamping device (13, 13'), acting on the flexible roof panel (4) in the region of its attachment to the vehicle body (7) in the closed state of the convertible top (2), is provided,

characterized in that the clamping device (13, 13') is designed with at least one ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15, 25) that forces the flexible roof panel (4) in the closed state of the convertible top (2) against an auto-body closure seal (8).

2. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in** that the clamping device (13) has a side ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15) assigned to each side of the vehicle.

3. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 2, **characterized in** that a side ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15) ~~can be moved~~ is movable in such a way between a first position in the stored state of the convertible top (2) and a second position that tightens the flexible roof panel (4) in the closed state of the convertible top (2), so that the ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15) is pivoted upward with its end on the front side of the vehicle against the auto-body closure seal (8).

4. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, **characterized in** that the side ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15) is arranged essentially in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and can be pivoted about a pivot point (20, 21) attached to the vehicle at its rearward end ~~in the rear of the vehicle~~.

5. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 2 through 4~~ Claim 2, **characterized in** that the side ~~elip~~ bracket (14, 15) in the opened state of convertible top (2), is arranged essentially at the height of the attachment device (9) of the flexible roof panel (4) and at a spacing from it.

6. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 1, **characterized in** that the at least one clip bracket (25) is designed as an at least roughly U-shaped clip bracket extending essentially over the width of the vehicle.

7. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 6~~ Claim 1, **characterized in** that the at least one clip bracket (25) has a separate drive, controllable as a function of the motion of the convertible-top rods (5).

8. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 6~~ Claim 1, **characterized in** that the at least one clip bracket (14, 15) is attached to the arrangement of convertible-top rods (5) and can be moved by means of a drive device that drives the convertible-top rods (5) with the motion of the convertible-top rods (5).

9. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 8~~ Claim 1, **characterized in** that the at least one clip bracket (14, 15, 25) is attached to a main convertible-top support (23).

10. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 9~~ Claim 1, **characterized in** that the attachment device (9) of the vehicle body (7) has a clamping profile (10) for holding the flexible roof panel (4).

11. (currently amended) A convertible top according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 9~~ Claim 1, **characterized in** that the attachment device (9) of the vehicle body has an at least roughly U-shaped clip (22) essentially spanning the width of the vehicle width, to which the flexible roof panel (4) is firmly connected.